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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of THREE MONTHS to respond to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on January 7, 2003 and is accordingly requested to be extended to April 7, 2003.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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